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SOCIETE DES BAINS DE MER ET DU

CERCLE DES ETRANGERS A

MONACO,

**ECF Case** 

Case No. 08-CV-03157(HB)

Plaintiff,

VS.

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL LEVICK

MGM MIRAGE AND VICTORIA PARTNERS, L.P.

Defendants.

#### I, Michael Levick, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a litigation administrator at the law firm of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP ("Quinn Emanuel"). I submit this affidavit in support of Plaintiff Société des Bains de Mer et du Cercle des Etrangers à Monaco's ("SBM") opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, or, in the Alternative, to Transfer This Case to the District of Nevada.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the World Intellectual Property Organization's ("WIPO") Administrative Panel Decision in Société des Bains de Mer et du Cercle des Etrangers à Monaco v. I Bancorp Europe et al, Case No. D2000-1323, dated January 8, 2001.
- 3. Attached as Exhibit 2 is an excerpt of the docket for International Bancorp, LLC, et al. v. Société des Bains de Mer et du Cercle des Etrangers à Monaco, Civ. Act. No. 01-115-A, in the Eastern District of Virginia, indicating that the action was initiated on January 24, 2001.
- 4. Attached as Exhibit 3 is a copy of SBM's Motion for 90 Day Extension of Time to File Notice of Opposition against Defendant Victoria Partners' trademark Application No. 76/284,329 for the mark MONTE CARLO, dated November 8, 2004.

- 5. Attached as Exhibit 4 is a copy of the Notice of Opposition SBM filed with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board opposing Defendant Victoria Partners' trademark Application No. 76/284,329 for the mark MONTE CARLO, dated February 10, 2005.
- 6. Attached as Exhibit 5 is a printout of the results of a search, using the internet-based search engine at <a href="http://www.kayak.com">http://www.kayak.com</a>, for roundtrip flights between Paris, France and New York, New York on August 2 and August 9, 2008, sorted by flight duration, indicating the existence of 60 nonstop flights with a minimum travel time of less than eight hours each way.
- 7. Attached as Exhibit 6 is a printout of the results of a search, using the internet-based search engine at <a href="http://www.kayak.com">http://www.kayak.com</a>, for roundtrip flights between Paris, France and Las Vegas, Nevada on August 2 and August 9, 2008, sorted by flight duration, indicating that there are no direct or nonstop flights and that the minimum travel time is 14.5 hours and 12.5 hours for each leg.
- 8. Attached as Exhibit 7 is a copy of the proposed discovery requests SBM would serve on Defendants should this Court decide that jurisdictional discovery is warranted.
- 9. On or about May 27, 2008, I signed up to receive special offers via email at <a href="http://www.montecarlo.com">http://www.montecarlo.com</a>. During this process, I provided my personal email account with gmail.com and my home address in New York City. Attached as <a href="mailto:Exhibit 8">Exhibit 8</a> is a copy of an email (redacting my personal email) I received from <a href="mailto:montecarlo@montecarlo.mgg01net">montecarlo.mgg01net</a> on May 27, 2008, thanking me for creating a Guestbook Account and asking me to activate my account.
- 10. Attached as <u>Exhibit 9</u> is a copy of an email (redacting my personal email) I received from <montecarlo@montecarlo.mgg01net> on June 11, 2008, entitled "Get Ready for a Summer to Remember at Monte Carlo."

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11. Attached as Exhibit 10 is a copy of an email (redacting my personal email) I received from <montecarlo@montecarlo.mgg01net> on June 24, 2008, entitled "Celebrate Fourth of July at Monte Carlo."

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 2nd day of July, 2008.

Michael Levick

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### WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL DECISION

Société des Bains de Mer et du Cercle des Etrangers à Monaco v. l. Bancorp Europe et al.

#### **Administrative Panel Decision**

Case No. D2000-1323

#### 1. The Parties

The complainant is Société des Bains de Mer et du Cercle des Etrangers à Monaco limited (Société des Bains de Mer), Place du Casino, Monte Carlo, MC 98000 Monaco, Principauté de Monaco.

The respondent is I. Bancorp Europe, also named as I.B.LLC, I. Bancorp, montecarlo-casino, monte-carlo-casino, casinosmontecarlo, e-montecarlocasino, domiciled at 2 old Brompton Road, London, SW7 3DQ, Great Britain.

#### 2. The Domain Names and Registrar

The domain names in issue are:

- 1. montecarlocasino.net,
- 2. montecarlocasino.org.
- 3. montecarlo-casino.com,
- 4. monte-carlo-casino.com,
- 5. casinosmontecarlo.com,
- 6. e-montecarlocasino.com

The registrar is: Network Solutions, Inc.

#### 3. Procedural History

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The WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (the Center) received the complaint on October 4, 2000. The Center's request for Registrar verification was sent on October 10, 2000. The answer was received on October 29, 2000. The Center issued the notification of complaint on October 31, 2000. The Center received the response on November 19, 2000.

#### 4. Factual Background

#### A. The Trademark

The complaint is based on the trademark Casino de Monte-Carlo. The complainant is the owner of the following registered trademark:

Monaco trademark N° 96.17407: Casino de Monte-Carlo, registered in 1996 covering goods and services in classes 3, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 28, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41 and 42.

#### **B.** The Complaint

The grounds for the complaint are:

- That the Casino de Monte-Carlo is a renowned trademark as the Principauté de Monaco is inter-alia known worldwide for its casino.
- That the domain names are identical or confusingly similar to the complainant's trademark as they almost completely reproduce the complainant's trademark.
- That the respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of those domain names.
- That the domain names should be considered as having been registered and used in bad faith by the respondent. This should be so as, given the strong notoriety of the complainant's mark and the ease for any Internet user to assess whether or not a registration or use of a domain name is likely to encroach on another's rights, the respondent could not ignore that such a registration was made in fraud of the complainant's rights.
- That by using the domain name for a site directly related to the gaming industry the respondent is attempting to attract Internet users to his website for commercial gain, through the creation of a likelihood of confusion as to the source or affiliation of the site to the complainant and that the domain name is so obviously connected to the complainant and its products that the use by someone with no connection with the complainant suggests opportunistic bad faith.
- That the respondent is trying to create confusion with the complainant's mark and institution as to the affiliation of the respondent's website. In particular, the respondent has included in his website a picture of the inside of the Casino de Monte-Carlo and the following assertion: "we are the only internet company to have the double gaming license from Casino Monte-Carlo and from Las Vegas Casino".
- Finally that, although the respondent did not directly contact the complainant in order to sell him those domain names, those domain names are for sale in a website specialized in the selling of domain names related to the gambling industry.

#### C. The Respondent

In its response, the respondent states:

- That the complainant has no world mark and no trademark outside Monaco, which is a very small country.
- That the complainant has not been policing his mark and that therefore it is to be considered that the complainant has abandoned his mark or that the strength of said trademark is diminished, as if there are numerous goods in the market place bearing the alleged mark, purchasers may learn to ignore the "mark" as a source of identification.

- That the term Monte-Carlo is used as a generic connotation of luxury and high living and has been diluted by continual use in commerce by third parties.
- That the respondent operates online gaming websites, which is a business in which the complainant is not engaged. The complainant operates a hotel and casino business that is to be considered as a business altogether distinct from respondent's.
- That respondent has acquired legitimate rights and interests in the domain names through the operation of a Panamanian company and a Netherlands Antilles company.
- That the complainant already has an online presence through the domain names monte-carlo-gambling.com, montecarloresort.com amongst others and that the respondent's behavior in no way prevents the owner of a trademark from reflecting the mark in a corresponding domain name.
- That the photograph on the website montecarlocasino.net does not depict the complainant's casino but is a photograph of the interior of the Palais du grand-duc Vladimir Alexandrovich. The license statement is absolutely accurate, as the respondent does in fact have licenses from its Panamanian company and Netherlands Antilles company.

#### 5. Discussion and Findings

#### A. Identical or Confusingly Similar Domain Names

The terms Monte-Carlo are identically used in all the domain names and the term casino is identically used as well in all the domain names. The domain names are all almost exact translations of the complainant's trademark.

The addition of letter "e" in domain name 6 at the beginning does not suppress a strong similarity with the complainant's trademark, as "e" is commonly used and understood by all internet users as a designation for products and services connected to this mean of communication.

#### B. Rights or Legitimate Interests of Respondent

The panel must make here a general statement. Any rights or legitimate interests in the terms Monte-Carlo, Monaco and Casino are to be examined in respect of those terms used together and not independently. The panel will not examine the protection to be granted to the terms Monte-Carlo alone. Furthermore, the complainant's trademark protects the combination of Casino and Monte-Carlo together, and not these terms isolated. Therefore respondent's effort to stress that there exist many other marks using the terms Monte-Carlo and that complainant has not started administrative or judiciary proceedings against them is irrelevant as those marks refer to Monte-Carlo and not to Casino de Monte-Carlo. The respondent also points out that there exists a Las Vegas based "Monte-Carlo Resort and Casino" and a Monte Carlo Casino in Milwaukee. The panel deems that it cannot rely on those isolated facts as having stopped the complainant to proceed against respondent in the present case, for the abandonment of mark is the result of a willing and constant behavior during some years. However the complainant's failure to police its mark against the Las Vegas-based Monte Carlo Resort and Casino and the Monte Carlo Casino in Milwaukee cannot be held against him, as it does not amount to a willful and constant behavior because any litigation in the U.S.A. might have been unsuccessful in view of the well known reluctance of the American legal system to protect geographical denominations.

The respondent claims that the complainant has no world mark and no trademark outside Monaco, which is a very small country. Article 16.2 of the TRIPs agreement states: "Article 6 bis of the Paris Convention (1967) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to services. In determining whether a trademark is well known members shall take into account the knowledge of the trademark in the relevant sector of the public, including knowledge in the member concerned which has been obtained as a result of the promotion of the trademark." In the light of this article it can only be considered that the Casino de Monte-Carlo trademark is well known over the world and is protected as such. It is also important to note that the size of a country of origin is not to be considered as relevant, and particularly so in matters regarding Internet and domain names.

The respondent also adds that the complainant has initiated ICANN proceedings against almost every domain name

incorporating the terms Monte-Carlo, but that it has not started such a proceeding against the monte-carlo.com domain name which hosts the Las Vegas-based Monte Carlo Resort and Casino. The panel deems it irrelevant in the light of the above reasoning, as the monte-carlo.com domain name is very different from the litigious domain names since it only uses the terms Monte-Carlo, whether the domain names registered by respondent all use those terms in conjunction with terms associated with the term casino. Most important also is the fact that the panel does not rule on third parties right or wrongful behavior.

The respondent claims that the term Monte-Carlo is used as a generic connotation of luxury and high living and has been diluted by continual use in commerce by third parties. The panel deems this to be also irrelevant as it refers to Monte-Carlo generally and not to Casino de Monte-Carlo.

The respondent claims that it has acquired rights or legitimate interests to the domain name through commercial use of the domains. Yet when buying the domain name, the respondent must have been aware of the possibility that the claimant would file administrative or judiciary proceedings for cyber squatting. This is so amongst other things, as given the strong reputation of the complainant's mark, the respondent could not ignore that such a registration was made in fraud of the complainant's rights. Furthermore, the claims that respondent derives from the very recent incorporation of its Panama and Dutch-Antilles corporations cannot be recognized, for it is well known that many such corporations are often devoid of any important assets and are used as tax vehicles and/or offshore activities not covered by legal protection in the jurisdictions they precisely intend to avoid, even when they are lawfully organized under the corresponding offshore laws. Therefore the panel cannot find any legitimate right or interest in favor of the respondent.

#### C. Domain Names Registered and Used In Bad Faith

The respondent points out that the photograph on the website montecarlocasino.net does not depict the complainant's casino but is a photograph of the interior of the Palais du grand-duc Vladimir Alexandrovich. If the complainant itself was confused by the photography and was led to believe that it was a photograph of its own resort, then most Internet users would probably be similarly falsely led to believe that it is indeed a photograph of the interior of the Casino de Monte-Carlo. The respondent also states that the license statement on its website is absolutely accurate, as the respondent does in fact have State licenses for its Panamanian company and Netherlands Antilles company. However this statement refers to those companies in such a way that anyone would be led to believe that it refers in fact to the Las Vegas-based Monte Carlo Casino and the complainant Casino de Monte-Carlo. Therefore the complainant is right to claim that respondent created a likelihood of confusion as to the affiliation of this site with its institution and trademark.

The respondent claims that the domain names are used in connection with an online gaming business rather than an actual casino and that the complainant does not provide online gaming/casino services. The respondent fails to see that a website is in itself an actual undertaking. The distribution of goods or services through the Internet is similar to the distribution of the same goods or services through other means. In particular it cannot be considered so different that it should be deemed a different branch of the industry or a different market in terms of unfair competition law.

The respondent claims that there is no risk of consumers' confusion as complainant already has an online presence: casino-monte-carlo mc and that therefore the consumers are able to distinguish between the complainant and the respondent online presence. Nonetheless, it is highly unlikely that the average Internet user would be able to distinguish two similar lower domain names by their generic/country code top level domain.

Finally the panel notes that to the extent that Claude Levy's (an officer of respondent) deposition is to be taken into account when saying that the sole purpose of putting the domain names for sale was to get an evaluation of one of the respondent's assets, this purpose was not apparent to third parties who could actually bid for those domain names. It is therefore not excluded that the respondent could derive a benefit from the misappropriation of the claimant's trade name. Indeed each Internet user could buy from the site "supernames.com" all the domain names except domain name 1 .montecarlocasino.net. It is also important to note that the respondents in this case and in other cases appear to actually belong to the same entity. In fact the address is the same, they are affiliated with the same companies and their Director, Treasurer and Secretary is the same person, namely Claude Levy. This entity is respondent in other ICANN proceedings (notably in case D-2000-1315; D-2000-1327; [also case D-2000-1328 and D-2000-1326, although here respondent appears at different addresses]) in respect of domain names referring to the Casino de Monte-Carlo. The litigious domain names in those proceedings were also for sale at supernames.com. Thus, there appears to be a pattern of behavior of respondent in registering and selling domain names referring to complainant's trademark. Further respondent claims that the selling of sites is part of its business operations, which consist of acquiring domain names, launching sites and then selling them; yet only two of the litigious domain names in this case were actually used to launch an active website.

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6. Decision

The panel decides that the domain names are confusingly similar to the complainant's trademark, that the respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the domain names and that the domain names were registered and are being used in bad faith.

Accordingly, the panel decides that the registration of the domain names:

| 1. montecarlocasino.net            |
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| 2. montecarlocasino.org            |
| 3. montecarlo-casino.com           |
| 4. monte-carlo-casino.com.         |
| 5. casinosmontecarlo.com           |
| 6. e-montecarlocasino.com          |
| be transferred to the complainant. |
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François Dessemontet Sole Panelist

Dated: January 8, 2001

**CLOSED** 

# U.S. District Court Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:01-cv-00115-TSE

Int'l. Bancorp, LLC, et al v. Societe Des Bains De

Assigned to: District Judge T. S. Ellis, III

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Case in other court: 02-01255

02-01364

Cause: 28:2201 Declaratory Judgment

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Date Filed: 01/24/2001
Date Terminated: 03/26/2002

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 890 Other Statutory

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| 04/01/2001 | 10 | ANSWER by Int'l. Bancorp, LLC, Int'l. Services, Inc, Int'l. Lotteries, LL, Las Vegas Sportsbook, Britannia Fin. Corp. to [6-2] counter claim by Societe Des Bains De (mcke) (Entered: 04/05/2001)   |  |  |
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Applicant: VICTORIA PARTNERS

Mark : MONTE CARLO in Int. Class 41

Serial No.: 76/284,329

Published: October 19, 2004

#### MOTION FOR 90 DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Commissioner for Trademarks 2900 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202-3513

ATTN: TTAB

11-08-2004
U.S. Patent & TMOSc/TM Mail Rept Dt. #11

Sir:

The undersigned attorney, on behalf of SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME DES BAINS DE MER ET DU CERCLE DES ETRANGERS À MONACO, requests a ninety day extension of time to file a Notice of Opposition against the above-noted mark. The extension of time, if granted, will extend the deadline for filing a Notice of Opposition, or taking other appropriate action, such as gathering evidence, from November 18, 2004 the current deadline to February 16, 2005.

The potential opposer filed an application to secure protection for its mark, CASINO DE MONTE-CARLO, on May 2, 2002. Such application, which embraces "operating resort and gambling facilities; casino gambling; sports and cultural events, etc. ...", has been accorded S.N. 76/404,532. The date of first use, anywhere in the world, asserted in such application is 1863, and a 1984 date of first use in the United States is also asserted. A country of origin registration under Section 44(e) was made of record in application Serial No. 76/404,532.

Prosecution of application S.N. 76/404,532 has been suspended, pending disposition of application S.N. 76/284,329, and significant commercial rights, held by the potential opposer, may be impaired.

The potential opposer has taken other steps to protect its famous mark, CASINO DE MONTE-CARLO. Such efforts are detailed in the decision rendered by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on May 19, 2003. The case in point is entitled International Bancorp LLC v. Societe Anonyme de Bains de Mer et du Cercle des Etrangers a Monaco, reported at 66 USPQ 1705.

Attorney for potential applicant has set forth "good cause" for granting the requested ninety day extension of time to file a Notice of Opposition. More specifically, the ninety day extension period will enable the potential opposer additional time to obtain the file history of the published application (which has been unavailable for three weeks due to relocation of the paper files of the Trademark Office to Alexandria), investigate the usage of its own famous mark in the United States, and reach a reasoned decision as to whether an Opposition is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SOCIETE ANONYME DES BAINES DE MER ) ET DU CERCLE DES ETRANGERS A MONACO)

Opposer,

vs.

Opposition No.

VICTORIA PARTNERS

Application Serial No. 76/284,329

Applicant.

Published in Official Gazette of October 19, 2004

#### NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Commissioner for Trademarks P.O. Box 1451 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1451

Sir:

Opposer, SOCIETE ANONYME DES BAINES DE MER ET DU CERCLE DES ETRANGERS A MONACO, a corporation organized under the laws of Monaco, located and doing business at Place du Casino, MC 98000 Monte-Carlo, Principality of Monaco, believes that it will be damaged by registration of the mark, MONTE CARLO, presented in pending trademark application Serial No. 76/284,329, and consequently opposes same.

Application S.N. 76/284,329 is directed to the mark, MONTE CARLO, as applied to casino services, namely operation of a full service casino in International Class 41.

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1. Opposer owns, and operates, historic properties in Monte Carlo, Monaco, including several resort and casino facilities. One of its properties is the internationally known casino that has operated under the CASINO DE MONTE CARLO trademark since 1863. The mark is registered in Monaco, and counterpart U.S. trademark application Serial No. 76/404,532, filed May 2, 2002, is presently pending in the U.S. Trademark Office.

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- 2. Opposer has promoted, and presently promotes its casino, bearing the mark, CASINO DE MONACO, along with its other properties, on an international scale. Since 1984, Opposer has maintained an office in New York to promote its properties to North American customers and clients, with particular emphasis upon the U.S. market.
- 3. Opposer's office in New York is staffed with four employees, and has an annual budget of \$1,000,000 for promotional efforts.
- 4. Opposer's promotions within the United States include trade show participation, advertising campaigns, charity partnerships, direct mail solicitation, telephone marketing, solicitation of media coverage, and maintenance of a web site discussing the diverse services rendered under the mark, CASINO DE MONTE CARLO.
- 5. Opposer's reputation has been enhanced, over the past several years, by television programs and movies set in Monaco and featuring story lines about the entertainment and casino services rendered by CASINO DE MONTE CARLO. Articles appearing in newspapers, magazines, travel guides, and other periodicals have discussed the merits of CASINO DE MONTE CARLO, and have contributed to the celebrity of such casino. U.S. visitors to Monaco have returned home to tell friends and acquaintances about such casino over the past several years.
- 6. Opposer initiated procedures to police its mark, CASINO DE MONTE CARLO, as unauthorized users, and imitators, sought to capitalize on the fame and good will associated with such mark in the U.S. marketplace. The policing efforts have led to lawsuits in U.S. courts to enforce Opposer's rights in its mark.
- 7. Opposer's use of its mark, CASINO DE MONTE CARLO, has been continuous and on-going in nature, and pre-dates

applicant's July 12, 2001 filing date by several years. Furthermore, Opposer's use of its mark, CASINO DE MONTE CARLO, in foreign commerce between Monaco and the United States predates Applicant's alleged date of first use, i.e., May 1, 1995, by several years.

- 8. Opposer's continuous use of its mark, CASINO DE MONTE CARLO, its extensive promotional efforts, and the excellence of services rendered in conjunction with its mark, have given rise to world-wide recognition of such famous mark. To illustrate Opposer's casino is mentioned in the description of Monte Carlo, set forth in Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary, Third Edition, 1997.
- 9. In view of the similarity of the respective marks, and the related nature of the casino services of the respective parties, in sight, sound and commercial impression, it is readily apparent that Applicant's mark, MONTE CARLO, so resembles Opposer's mark, CASINO DE MONTE CARLO, as to be likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive.
- 10. Furthermore, casino services performed under Opposer's mark, CASINO DE MONTE CARLO are directed to the same consumers, as those envisioned by Applicant for its similar casino services rendered under the mark, MONTE CARLO. Consumers may assume that Opposer has sponsored, licensed, or otherwise approved of Applicant's mark and the related casino services; such assumption is incorrect.
- 11. If Applicant were to be granted a registration for MONTE CARLO, in International Class 41, such registration would negatively impact upon Opposer's pending application Serial No. 76/284,329, filed May 2, 2002. Furthermore, Opposer's on-going efforts to broaden and/or expand the services rendered in conjunction with CASINO DE MONTE CARLO, which extend beyond casino services, would be hampered or inhibited due to the potential conflict with Applicant's mark.

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12. If Applicant were to be granted a registration for MONTE CARLO, in International Class 41, the registration would constitute a prima facie exclusive right to use its mark. Such registration would become a source of injury and damage to the Opposer.

#### RELIEF SOUGHT

WHEREFOR, in view of the grounds for opposition noted above, and in view of the potential damage to Opposer's business and commercial reputation, Opposer urges that application Serial No. 76/284,329 be rejected, that no registration thereon be granted for the mark MONTE CARLO in International Class 41, and that this opposition be sustained in favor of Opposer.

Our check #23770, in the amount of \$200.00, is enclosed to pay the fee for an Opposition in one class, namely, International Class 41. If any additional fees fall due and owing, such fees should be charged against Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin P. Hoffman, Reg. 22,261

Counsel for

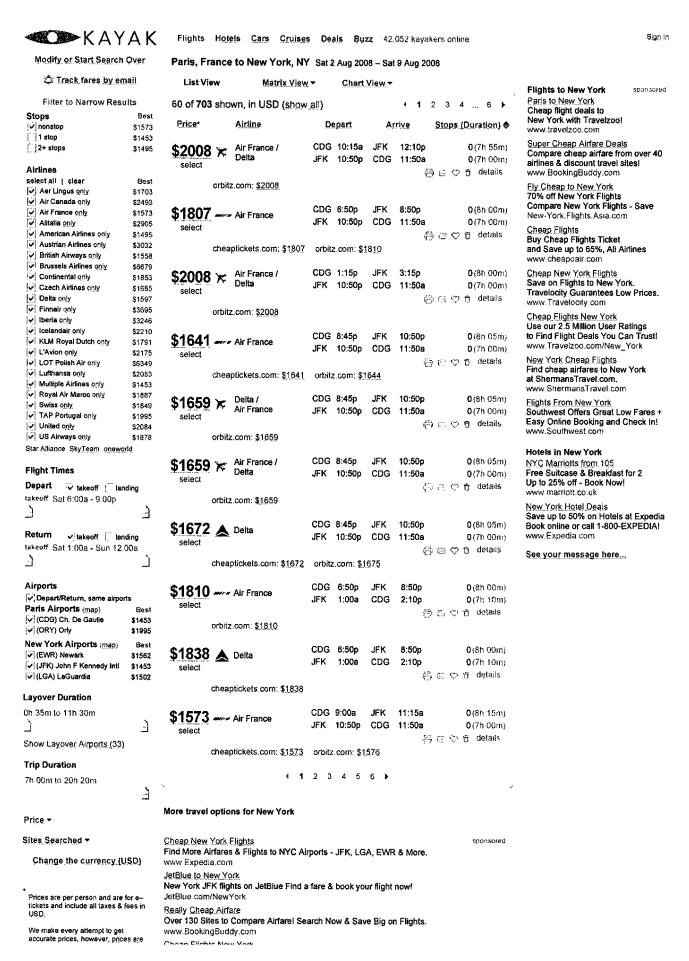
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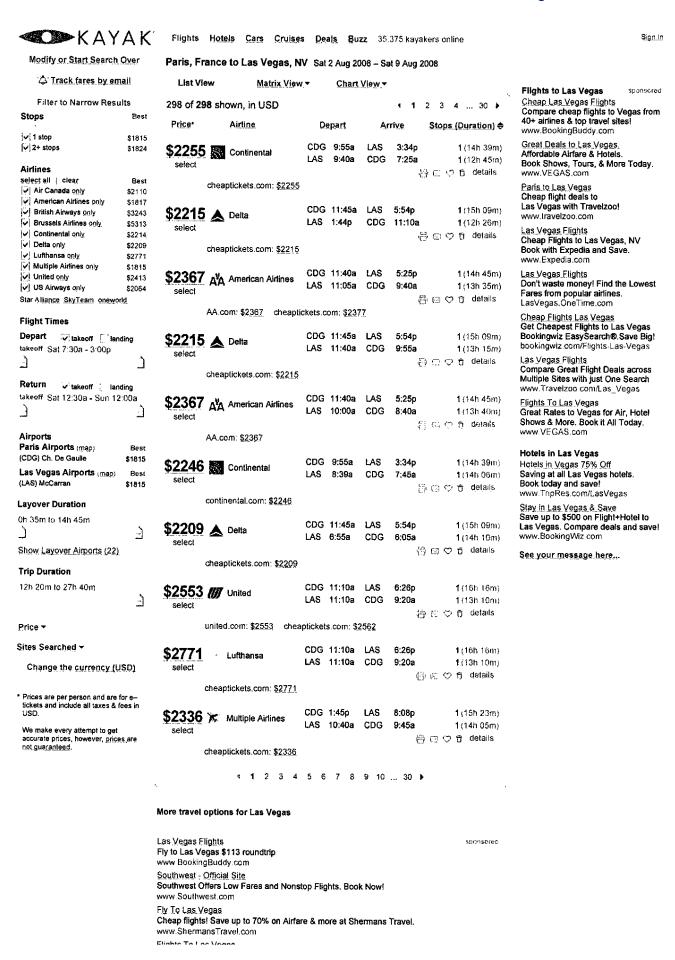
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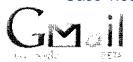
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